

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

In claim 1, the term "its" (line 4) has been replaced with -- a --; and after "circumference" (line ⁵~~4~~), -- of the contact element -- has been inserted.

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Reasons for allowance:

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art does not teach all of the limitations of the claimed invention including:

- twisting the shaft part around a central axis of the shaft part such that the ribs bend inwards towards the central axis, the bended ribs formed as arcs; and
- locking the sleeve part to the shaft part at the other end, wherein the shaft part is held twisted against an elastic reset force caused by the ribs.

Accordingly, claims 8-23 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably